

should generally be made to the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank referred to in § 321.25.

[53 FR 37511, Sept. 26, 1988; 53 FR 39581, Oct. 7, 1988, as amended at 55 FR 35397, Aug. 29, 1990; 59 FR 10538, Mar. 4, 1994; 61 FR 37197, July 16, 1996; 63 FR 38042, 38043, July 14, 1998; 68 FR 2666, Jan. 17, 2003; 68 FR 7427, Feb. 14, 2003]

PART 323—DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS

Sec.

323.1 Purpose of regulations.

323.2 Rules governing availability of information.

323.3 Materials available for inspection and copying.

323.4 Requests for identifiable records.

323.5 Fees.

AUTHORITY: 80 Stat. 379; sec. 3, 60 Stat. 238, as amended; 5 U.S.C. 301, 552.

SOURCE: 32 FR 9967, July 7, 1967, unless otherwise noted.

§ 323.1 Purpose of regulations.

The regulations of this part are issued to implement 5 U.S.C. 552(a) (2) and (3). The requirements of 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1) are met through the publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of the statement of the organization, functions and procedures available of the Fiscal Service, including the Bureau of the Public Debt, and revisions thereof, and through the publication therein of substantive and procedural regulations of the Bureau. A synopsis of the statements of Bureau organization, functions and procedures available will be published annually by the Office of the Federal Register in the U.S. Government Organization Manual.

§ 323.2 Rules governing availability of information.

(a) *General.* The records of the Bureau of the Public Debt required by 5 U.S.C. 552 to be made available to the public shall be made available in accordance with the regulations on the Disclosure of Records of the Office of the Secretary issued under 5 U.S.C. 552 and published as part I of title 31 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 32 FR 9562, July 1, 1967, except as specifically provided in this part.

(b) *Limitations on the availability of records relating to securities.* Records relating to the purchase, ownership of,

and transactions in Treasury securities or other securities handled by the Bureau of the Public Debt for government agencies or wholly or partially Government-owned corporations will ordinarily be disclosed only to the owners of such securities, their executors, administrators or other legal representatives or to their survivors or to investigative and certain other agencies of the Federal and State governments, to trustees in bankruptcy, receivers of insolvents' estates or where a proper order has been entered requesting disclosure of information to Federal and State courts. These records are confidential because they relate to private financial affairs of the owners under this Part. In addition, the information falls within the category of "personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6). FOIA Exemption (b)(6) protects the privacy of living persons who own securities as well as the close survivors of deceased owners. Privacy interests, in the sense of the right to control, use, or disclose information about oneself, cease at death. However, the exemption protects the deceased person's family-related privacy interests that survive death where disclosure would cause embarrassment, pain, grief, or disrupt the peace of mind, of the surviving family. The Bureau of the Public Debt will determine, under FOIA exemption (b)(6), whether disclosure of the records is in the public interest by balancing the surviving family members' privacy interest against the public's right to know the information.

[32 FR 9967, July 7, 1967, as amended at 68 FR 67944, Dec. 5, 2003]

§ 323.3 Materials available for inspection and copying.

(a) *Availability.* The materials which are required under 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(2) to be made available for inspection and copying are:

(1) Final opinions or orders made in the adjudication of cases. Any issued by the Bureau of the Public Debt would be in the form of letters or memorandums setting out determinations made